

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What is something your mother, grandmother, or another older woman taught you that has stayed with you over the years? What made their influence impactful?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat pointed us to the blessings and boundaries of godly women in our lives and in the church.

Context (Read Titus 2:3-5 and 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15):

- According to Titus 2, what responsibility do older women have toward younger women?
- Sometimes we define discipleship as: *Intentionally helping someone else become more like Jesus*. Point to words or phrases in the text that help us understand that discipleship must be **intentional**.
- What is at risk when individual believers in the church fail to intentionally disciple the next generation?
- In what ways can the church drift toward age segregation instead of biblical intergenerational relationships? How can our group better encourage intergenerational relationships?

How Can We Adorn God's Doctrine Of Womanhood?

1. By following God's divine order (1 Corinthians 11:3 and 1 Timothy 2:13)

- Be honest - where does your understanding of the roles of men and women come from?
- Pastor Pat emphasized that biblical headship is not about competency, intelligence, worth, or spirituality. Why is that clarification important?
- According to these passages, where is biblical headship grounded?
- Genesis 2:18 reminds us that the first thing declared "not good" in creation was man being alone. What does that teach us about the necessity and value of women?
- Why is it significant that the Apostle Paul appeals to creation order rather than cultural customs?

2. By following God's divine boundaries (1 Timothy 2:11-15 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7)

- According to these passages, what boundaries does God establish for leadership in the formally gathered church? Why do you think these passages are often controversial today?
- Scripture distinguishes between women **using their gifts** and women **occupying the offices** of Pastor/Deacon. Why is that distinction important?
- What are some meaningful ways women faithfully teach, disciple, lead, and strengthen the church within biblical boundaries?
- If you have time, read Acts 18:24-26 and talk about what you notice about Priscilla and Aquilla's interaction with Apollos. What might this teach us about teamwork, humility, and discipleship?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, thank God for faithful mothers and godly women who have shaped your life.
- Pray for humility and courage to submit to God's Word even when it is countercultural.

